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REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED

1. Between 0800 and 1200 on 18 June 1954, there was air activity by formations of two Il-10s at Brandenburg-Industriehafen airfield. The weather was clear. Each formation circled three or four times over the field and made one low-level attack at ground targets at Briest airfield during each local flight. For attacking, the aircraft dived to an altitude of about 100 meters. After 2300, Po-2s made individual flights. Up to four aircraft were seen aloft at the same time. Between 19 and 26 June, mainly local flights of up to 25 minutes duration were made by formations of two Il-10s and Po-2s. Between 1900 and 2000 on 29 June, 9 Il-10s made local flights over the Industriehafen airfield while forming a circle. The distance between the individual aircraft was 300 to 400 meters. The aircraft again made low-level attacks at ground targets at Briest airfield. During these practices, the scheduled aircraft of the PAA crossed over Brandenburg. The Il-10s circled the airliner at a close distance. About 1900 on 2 July, 22 Il-10s were parked at the dispersal areas in front of the hangars, 9 Il-10s at the take-off point along the runway north of Neuendorf and 3 Il-10s were seen aloft. Between 0800 and 1100 on 3 July, there was air activity as on 29 June. A total of 34 Il-10s, including 5 [redacted] were counted at the dispersal areas.¹ Six 37-mm AA guns were seen in the AA gun emplacement at the northern edge of the field.

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2. Between 24 and 26 June, only individual flights by Il-10s and Po-2s were made. On 24 June, 40 Il-10s were counted at the dispersal areas at the field. Three radio trucks with extended antennas were parked at the embankment south of hangar No 3. 1
3. In late June 1954, renovation work in the Infanterie Kaserne at Brandenburg was being completed. Air force soldiers guarded the installation. Apparently an army unit was stationed in this barracks installation in addition to the air force unit.

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5. In June, the entire Infanterie Kaserne including the garages had been occupied by an air force headquarters, chief of which was Colonel Zakharov (fnu). The middle section of the barracks installation was used for office purposes, while the wings were used as quarters for the members of the headquarters. The three sections of the building were not interconnected. In addition to the military personnel, many male and female civilians were assigned to the air force headquarters.

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Supply officer was Senior Lieutenant Popov (fnu). From the clothes worn by the civilians it was inferred that they had already stayed in the GDR for some time. There were plans to re-condition the damaged barracks building facing the street as a quartering building for headquarters personnel.

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6. The Infanterie Kaserne in Brandenburg was occupied by an estimated 50 to 60 air force personnel. In early July, probably instructions were mainly held in the barracks installation but also practices of the driving school were observed.

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7. In late June, truck [redacted] was observed entering and leaving the Infanterie Kaserne. Trucks [redacted] were identified with the driving school. 3

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1. Comment. Brandenburg-Industriehafen airfield is still occupied by a ground attack regiment equipped with about 45 Il-10s and some Po-2s.

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2. Comment. This AA gun emplacement was repeatedly observed.

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3. Comment. Motor vehicle [redacted]

[redacted] which were previously observed at Doeberitz again confirm that the air force unit which occupied the Infanterie Kaserne transferred from Doeberitz. Colonel Zakharov and Senior Lieutenant Popov are reported for the first time. The reported strength of the military personnel and the observation of many civilians with this unit support the previously voiced assumption that the personnel of the ordnance depot of the ground attack units from the Doeberitz artillery equipment park are concerned. Motor vehicle [redacted] is reported for the first time.

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